

that, once again, Congress is kicking the can down the road and putting off properly funding the government by another month.

I urge my colleagues to recognize government funding affects the lives of millions of Americans: USDA officials inspect our Thanksgiving turkeys; postal workers deliver our holiday cards and packages; TSA agents and air traffic controllers keep us safe to fly home for the holidays. Not to mention, millions of Federal employees rely on a steady income, especially during the expensive holiday season.

This is unfair to Americans. Clearly, all Americans are affected by Congress' inability to pass a budget. That is why I introduced the End Government Shutdowns Act, which safeguards against the damaging consequences of shutdowns. It lifts the shutdown burden from the shoulders of Americans and incentivizes lawmakers to reach across the aisle and do our jobs.

Americans want to see us come together and find bipartisan solutions to our Nation's most challenging funding problems. My bill does just that.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth and a member of the Adoption Caucus, I rise to recognize National Adoption Month.

Mr. Speaker, all children deserve the love and security of a family, but for the 125,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, that most basic of human needs can seem so out of reach. Through the Foster Youth Caucus, we try to shine a spotlight on these youth, as well as the adoptive families that open their hearts and homes to children in need.

Ted and Teena Sullivan are two such adoptive parents from my home State of Rhode Island. Ted is also the senior director of Mission Advancement for Bethany Christian Services, and I was honored to recognize him as a 2019 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute Angel in Adoption last week.

Mr. Speaker, adoptive parents like Ted and Teena give children in need the most important gift: a forever family. Let them be our example this National Adoption Month as we recommit to serving our most vulnerable youth.

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CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT THE WAY CONGRESS SHOULD OPERATE

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the House will consider another temporary funding measure, this time

kicking the can down the road until December 20. We are nearly 2 months into the fiscal year, and not a single full-year appropriations bill has been completed. Continuing resolutions are not the way that we should operate.

Priorities shift from year to year, and the longer a CR lasts, the more it hurts our military, our ports, and our infrastructure investment. I have seen no evidence that we are any closer to passing any full-year bills than at the end of September when we passed the last CR.

You will hear my colleagues across the aisle blame this on Senate Republicans, however, the House majority appropriations bills were filled with poison pills that they continue to insist upon, such as preventing the use of funds for the border wall. And now the entire past month has been devoted to their sham impeachment efforts.

I urge my colleagues, put the partisan investigations to the side so that we can come to a bipartisan agreement to fund the government in a responsible way.

HONORING BERNARD TYSON

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Bernard Tyson, who passed away on November 10 and is being celebrated at this hour.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Bernard on the board of the American Heart Association, and I can tell you he was a visionary and a champion for high quality healthcare for all Americans and providing some 12 million American men, women, and children healthcare in the process. That is what he fought for every day as president and CEO of Kaiser Permanente, in which he served as the first African American in that role.

He was a trailblazer in the industry with a push-the-envelope mindset, quick wit, and he was a people person. He never forgot where he came from. He mentored many and was a prominent African American that we looked up to.

My condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with his wife and dear friend, Denise, his son, and the entire family. I am proud to call Bernard my friend and will miss him dearly and his exceptional contributions to our Nation's healthcare industry. Rest in peace. Rest in power.

HONORING LAURA CHAFFIN

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, the Holy Bible, the book of Mark, chapter 12, verse 30 says, "Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all of your

strength." Those words sum up Laura Chaffin, her life.

An accident last year in Uganda took her voice and paralyzed her for a couple of trying weeks. She was there with her husband Scott trying to put their family together. The Chaffin family is beside me right now. There is Laura, there is Scott, and their three sons, Elijah, David, and Jonah.

If you think Laura felt pity when she was hurt, you are dead wrong. With a team of experts at TIRR at Memorial Hermann Hospital and with the love of family and the love of Jesus Christ, she started talking and walking and teaching at Alvin ISD and cooking for her family. She became, again, a mom and a wife.

Mr. Speaker, in the name of Laura, Scott, Elijah, David, Jonah, and Jesus Christ, I yield back.

CONGRATULATING MATTHEW CATANOSO

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to send my congratulations to an extraordinary south Jersey native, who represented our Nation at the international Henley's Royal Regatta this past summer.

Matthew Catanoso is a rising sophomore on the crew team at the United States Naval Academy, which was chosen to participate in the King's Cup competition in July. This race commemorated the historic Henley's Royal Regatta in 1919 that was originally held to celebrate the end of World War I.

For the centennial anniversary of the tournament, eight countries were invited to send a team to compete for the cup over the summer. Matthew, the former coxswain of Ocean City High School, participated with the rest of the Naval Academy and he took home the King's Cup after narrowly beating Germany in the final race.

I congratulate Matthew on his big win at the Henley Royal Regatta, and I thank him for representing our Nation and south Jersey at this historic event and wish him the very best as he continues his education at the Naval Academy. We are proud of him and we are proud of what he has done. Congratulations.

A SOLUTION TO THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY'S NEEDS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week after many months of hard work by staff and Members here in a bipartisan fashion, amazingly in this atmosphere here, we introduced the Farm Workforce Modernization Act legislation. This will really clean up the process for ag labor in this country, something desperately needed. It will be